MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know when the interim report was submitted to the Chief Engineer ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The information is not available.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know the opinion of the P. W. D. Division Officer as seen from the interim report ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : His opinion is that the ferry service is necessary.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : What further opinion is required in the final report of the P. W. D. Division Officer ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He has been asked for information regarding the annual cost of the ferry.

Teaching of technical subjects in High School classes.

136. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether there is any scheme for introducing technical subjects for optional study in the High School classes ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether it has been brought into effect ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reason for the same ; and

(*d*) whether anybody has volunteered to give weaving instruction n the Mavelikara English High School ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The consideration of the question of introducting vocational subjects had to be deferred owing to financial stringency.

(*d*) No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : With reference to the answer to part (*d*), may I know whether anybody has offered to give instruction voluntarily by means of an application to the headmaster and whether the headmaster has forwarded that application to the Director of Public Instruction ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The information given by the Director of Public Instruction is that there is no such application.

Funds for the Chakkuvalli-Kulasekharapuram road.

137. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was any allotment in this year's (1107) Budget for the completion of the construction of the Chakkuvalli-Kulasekharapuram road ; and

(*b*) whether any amount was spent on the road in the current year (1107) ?

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MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes; but this was subsequently surrendered on account of financial stringency. A small sum was reappropriated subsequently to complete the bridge and culvert in the 2nd and 3rd miles.

Ryots' roads in the Pattanamtitta taluk.

138. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*) : With reference to the reply to the representation at the 27th session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, (*vide* page 211, para 6, of the *Assembly Proceedings*), will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has seen the roads referred to therein ;

(*b*) if so, the action taken in the matter ; and

(*c*) if not, the reason for the delay ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This does not arise.

(*c*) There was no necessity for the Chief Engineer to inspect the roads personally nor did the Dewan's reply to the member prescribe such an inspection. The expression used by the Dewan simply constituted an instruction to the Chief Engineer to ascertain if the roads satisfy the conditions, which he did by the usual departmental procedure.

The delay in taking over the roads is due to the fact that the roads are not fit to be taken over as they have not been properly cut according to the terms of the Ryots' Roads Rules.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*) : In regard to the answer to part (*c*), may I know what are the terms of the Ryots' Roads Rules ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : They have already been published in the *Gazette*. One of the rules is that the width of the road should not be less than 22 feet.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether any of these roads satisfies the Rules ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The report of the Chief Engineer states that none of the roads mentioned by the member satisfies the conditions of the Ryots' Roads Rules.

Accommodation in the Vernacular School, Pulimat.

135. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to the working of the Vernacular School at Pulimat in the Chirayinkil taluk, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the present strength of the school ;

(*b*) the total area of the class rooms, in square feet ;

(*c*) whether the total area of the class rooms provide accommodation to all the pupils, and, if not, for how many ;

(*d*) whether the school was closed for any extraordinary reasons during the current school year, and, if so, for how many days and for what reason ; and

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